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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Energy  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
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**RE: D.T.E. 03-50**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

On April 24, 2003, the Department invited interested parties to comment on Verizon Massachusetts' ("Verizon MA") Revised Performance Assurance Plan ("PAP"). No party filed comments, and the Department should, therefore, approve the revised PAP filed by Verizon MA on February 12, 2003.

As described in the cover letter accompanying the Revised PAP, Verizon MA plans to implement the new PAP two calendar months following Department approval. Under this implementation schedule, if the Department issues an order in May, the Revised Guidelines would be implemented for the July performance month filed in August. However, the Final May report, that will also be filed in August, will be based on the existing PAP Guidelines, as will the Final June report that will be filed in September. Because the mitigation of performance results under the PAP is based on results from the subsequent two months, it will be necessary to file versions of the Preliminary July and Preliminary August reports based upon the existing Guidelines. Those Preliminary reports will be used only to determine the mitigation reflected in the Final May and the Final June reports. Starting with the Final July report, filed in October, the transition to the Revised Guidelines will be complete and the Preliminary reports based on the existing Guidelines will no longer be needed, and therefore, will be discontinued. The following chart displays this implementation schedule.

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Report Filed	March Performance	April Performance	May Performance	June Performance	July Performance	August Performance	September Performance
June 25	Final using old PAP		Prelim using old PAP				
July 25		Final using old PAP		Prelim using old PAP			
Aug. 25			Final using old PAP		- Prelim using new PAP - Prelim using old PAP (only for mitigation of Final May and June)		
Sept 25				Final using old PAP		- Prelim using new PAP - Prelim using old PAP (only for mitigation of Final June)	
Oct 27					Final using new PAP		Prelim using new PAP
Nov 25						Final using new PAP	

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Joan Foster Evans, Hearing Officer  
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